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SUBJ: TEXTILES: US-GOP BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 165051, (B) MANILA 11360

1. NOTE DATED JULY 28, 1977, RECEIVED FROM DFA JULY 29
COMPLETING "GENEVA" AMENDMENT TO US-GOP TEXTILE AGREEMENT.
ORIGINAL AND CERTIFIED COPIES OF NOTES BEING FORWARDED PER
FAM 11 (723.7).

2. TEXT OF GOP NOTE (WHICH QUOTES TEXT OF U.S. NOTE) IS
AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT
OF YOUR NOTE OF JULY 25, 1977, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"EXCELLENCY: I REFER TO THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT OF
OCTOBER 15, 1975 (AS AMENDED) ON TRADE IN COTTON, WOOL,
AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS
(HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE AGREEMENT). I ALSO REFER
TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS HELD IN GENEVA. AS A RESULT OF THESE
DISCUSSIONS, I PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT BE AMENDED
AS FOLLOWS

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"1. DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 AND
INSERT THE FOLLOWING: "THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL
BE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1975 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1978. THE
FIRST AGREEMENT PERIOD SHALL BE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1975
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976. THE SECOND AGREEMENT PERIOD
SHALL BE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1976 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1977.

THE THIRD AGREEMENT PERIOD SHALL BE FROM JANUARY 1, 1978 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1978."

"2. ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE TO PARAGRAPH 4: TO THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF PARAGRAPH 7 (A); AND TO PARAGRAPH 7 (C): "EXCEPT THAT FOR THE SECOND AGREEMENT PERIOD ONLY, EACH OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONSULTATION LEVELS (INCLUDING THOSE LISTED IN ANNEX A) IS INCREASED BY 25 PERCENT."

"3. PARAGRAPH 8 IS REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"IN THE SECOND AGREEMENT PERIOD, THE AGGREGATE, GROUP AND SPECIFIC LIMITS SHALL BE INCREASED BY 35.6225 PERCENT OVER THE APPLICABLE LIMITS FOR THE FIRST AGREEMENT PERIOD. FOR THE THIRD AGREEMENT PERIOD, THE AGGREGATE, GROUP AND SPECIFIC LIMITS SHALL BE 85.6 PERCENT OF THE APPLICABLE LIMITS FOR THE SECOND AGREEMENT PERIOD.

"4. PARAGRAPH 10 (B) IS REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING LIMITS SHALL APPLY FOR THE SECOND AGREEMENT PERIOD ONLY:

"(1) 49 AND 63 PART (COATS) TOGETHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 72,150 DOZEN.
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"(2) CATEGORIES 50 AND 51 TOGETHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 271,245 DOZEN. EXPORTS IN EITHER SUB-CATEGORY SHALL NOT EXCEED 169,528 DOZEN.

"(3) THE SPECIFIC LIMIT FOR CATEGORY 229 MAY BE EXCEEDED BY UP TO 24,005 DOZEN, PROVIDED THAT THE LIMIT FOR CATEGORY 237 IS REDUCED BY THE NUMBER OF DOZEN BY WHICH CATEGORY 229 SHIPMENTS EXCEED THE APPLICABLE LIMIT AS ADJUSTED FOR SWING AND ANY AVAILABLE CARRYOVER.

"5. ANNEX A IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS FOR THE SECOND AGREEMENT PERIOD ONLY:

"(1) CATEGORIES 41, 42, 43, AND 62 (PART-KNIT TOPS) TOGETHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 722,831 DOZEN.

"(3) CATEGORY 63 NON-TRADITIONAL SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 915,879 POUNDS.

"6. HAND PLIED OR BRAIDED AND HAND TIED MACRAME

HANDICRAFT ARTICLES, NOT COMBINED WITH WOVEN OR KNIT MATERIAL (EXCEPT IF SUCH MATERIAL IS USED FOR NON-ESSENTIAL DECORATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL PURPOSES ONLY), WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE LEVELS OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS EXEMPTION WILL NOT APPLY TO MACRAME APPAREL ITEMS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL DEVELOP APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS EXEMPTION.

"IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THIS NOT BHUCSD YOUR NOTE OF CONFIRMATION ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT.

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"ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

I HAVE FURTHER THE HONOR TO CONFIRM ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES THE AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN YOUR NOTE.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOU THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.
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